

# WELCOME - STUDENT HANDBOOK

## Welcome

Sonoran University of Health Sciences is pleased to welcome you to our University community. The administration, faculty, and staff hope each year will be enjoyable and that you will choose to take advantage of the many opportunities for learning, growth, and development both inside and outside of the classroom and clinics at Sonoran University. You will start your journey filled with meaningful self-discoveries, life-changing experiences, and lasting friendships. You will be part of a community with a common bond in their passion for natural health and wellness and a unified goal of making an impact in health care. We hope you will get involved in the many enriching, intellectual, social, and cultural opportunities available to you here.

## About Sonoran University

Sonoran University of Health Sciences is a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and approved to offer degrees by the Arizona State Board of Private Postsecondary Education as described in the Course Catalog. Sonoran University's ND Program is accredited by the Council of Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME). Inquiries concerning educational standards for the ND program or school compliance may be directed to the Council of Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME) and/or the Arizona State Board of Private Postsecondary Education. The CNME guidelines can be found in the University Library. The CNME can be reached at P.O. BOX 178, Great Barrington, MA 01230, by phone at 413.528.8877, or at [www.cnme.org](http://www.cnme.org) (<http://www.cnme.org>).

Sonoran University does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, gender identity, socioeconomic background, age, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation or marital status, disability, veteran status, or any other applicable status protected by law in the administration of educational policies, admission policies, financial aid, employment or any other program or activity.

## About this Handbook

The Student Handbook is an official document of Sonoran University. This handbook provides detailed and important information about campus policies, procedures, and resources. It includes emergency information, student rights, and student responsibilities. The Student Affairs staff is here to assist you in your educational journey. We look forward to supporting you and challenging you as you fulfill your academic and professional dreams.

As members of Sonoran University's community, all students are held to the same values and expectations. The Student Handbook and the Student Code of Professional Conduct and Academic Honor have been designed to empower students while holding them accountable. Any community must have a set of guiding values; this Handbook is meant to serve as a guide not only for students but also for faculty, staff, and administrators to ensure that all members of our community are informed about policies, procedures, rights, and privileges.

We encourage all students to review the information in the Student Handbook, to not only know what is expected of them as members of Sonoran University's community but also to know their rights. This

Handbook also contains helpful information and guides that will make navigation of campus life easier.

If you have questions after reading through this Handbook, please do not hesitate to contact the Dean of Students at 480.222.9237. You can also contact the Vice President of Student Affairs Office at 480.222.9203.

## Other University Resources for Students

- Sonoran University Course Catalog – Obtainable on this Site
- Sonoran University Clinical Handbook – Obtainable on MySonoran
- Sonoran University Registered Student Organizations (RSO) Handbook – Obtainable on MySonoran
- Financial Aid Information and Brochures – Obtainable in the Financial Aid Office, on MySonoran, and on Sonoran University's website

## Amendments to University Policies and Regulations

This Handbook does not constitute a contract. Sonoran University reserves the right to make changes in the terms, conditions, regulations, rules, and policies set forth in this publication at any time and without notice; however, we will try to communicate those changes with reasonable notice to all interested parties. Therefore, the documents in this handbook are subject to change during the academic year.

Because of the likelihood of these changes, the official Sonoran University Student Handbook is the online version of the Handbook.

Students are responsible for understanding and complying with all policies and procedures contained in this Handbook and other publications distributed by Sonoran University.